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DATE: February 14, 2017

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORIZATION FOR SINGLE
SOURCE PROCUREMENTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

In a series of actions since 1999, the Board of Supervisors approved initiatives to redesign and implement an expanded continuum of comprehensive behavioral health care for children, adolescents, transition age youth, adults, older adults and families. In pursuit of these initiatives, on December 12, 2006 (6), the Board of Supervisors approved the procurement of contracted services. These contracts are set to expire on June 30, 2017.

Today's recommended actions will authorize continued single source contracts to deliver behavioral health services in five long term care programs providing 24 hour services for clients with serious mental illness. These providers have all required licenses and certifications required by the Department of Health Care Services and the Department of Public Health and are in good standing with the State. This authority would ensure these highly specialized residential programs continue to be available without interruption in service provision.

This item is consistent with the Healthy Families and Safe Communities initiatives in the County of San Diego's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan and supports the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision of a region that is building better health, living safely and thriving.

Recommendation(s)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. In accordance with Board Policy, A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations with the entities listed below, and subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, continue the single source contracts for these five 24-hour residential mental health programs for clients with serious mental illness for an additional five option years through June 30, 2022 and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program funding, or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency. Waive the advertising requirement of Board Policy A-87.

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- a. Alpine Special Treatment Center, Inc.
- b. Changing Options, Inc.
- c. KF Community Care dba Community Care Center for Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Services
- d. SunBridge Braswell Enterprises, Inc. dba Sierra Vista
- e. Telecare Corporation dba Garfield Neurobehavioral Health Center

Fiscal Impact

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-18 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will have no fiscal impact in Fiscal Year 2016-17 and result in estimated costs and revenue of \$10,053,690 in Fiscal Year 2017-18. The funding sources are Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Realignment. There will be no change in General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

At the regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2017, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board voted to _____.

Background

Individuals with serious mental illness continue to be among the County's most vulnerable populations. As this population grows in numbers and in need, access to Long Term Care (LTC) placement is affected. Transitional residential rehabilitative services programs continue to be a critical care option for two key reasons:

- These programs serve either as an alternative to Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) or as an alternative to State Hospital placements,
- These programs help to relieve the LTC barriers to adequate discharge resources by serving as step-down placement for those being discharged from IMDs and the State Hospital.

If approved, today's action will authorize the continuation of these highly specialized critical care programs without interruption in service provision.

This recommendation authorizes the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to continue the single source contracts for these five 24-hour residential mental health programs for clients with serious mental illness. This authority would ensure that these services are available on an ongoing basis, and that appropriate level-of-care facilities are available to meet the service requirements and specialty residential needs of the seriously mentally ill. These LTC providers have all required licenses and certifications, and are in good standing with the County and State.

a. *Alpine Special Treatment Center, Inc.*

Alpine Special Treatment Center operates and provides a structured 24-hour Mental Health Rehabilitation Center for adults with serious and persistent mental illness. Alpine Special Treatment Center provides specialized mental health services utilizing their unique expertise,

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competencies, capabilities and resources. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) contracts for 75 dedicated beds to accommodate up to 75 adult residents with mental illness who are ages 18 and older on an annual basis.

b. Changing Options, Inc.

Changing Options Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Program provides services to clients in a recovery-orientated open residential environment with onsite services that include, but are not limited to, psycho-educational and symptom/wellness groups, employment and education screening/readiness, skill development, peer support and mentoring. Client physical health screenings, consultation, referrals for alcohol and drug treatment and support, and follow-up with primary care professionals are also linked services. Changing Options employs a client-centered recovery approach that integrates evidence-based practices with recovery principles for those with co-occurring disorders. The term “co-occurring disorders” refers to co-existing conditions that would include mental illness, substance abuse disorders or alcoholism, intellectual disabilities, or medical conditions. Recovery oriented, client-centered programs can best be described as those that build on a person’s strengths and resilience to achieve wellness, independence and overall improved quality of life. On average, BHS utilizes five beds per year at Changing Options. Clients are provided with supervision and treatment where they can begin to exercise some independence in a safe, open treatment setting.

c. KF Community Care, dba Community Care Center for Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Services

KF Community Care is a State-licensed facility providing care for County of San Diego BHS clients aged 18 years and over, who have serious mental illness and are in need of a Skilled Nursing Facility with Special Treatment Program services and is federally identified as an IMD. KF Community Care provides specialized mental health services utilizing their unique expertise, competencies, capabilities and resources. On average, BHS utilizes six beds per year at this facility.

d. SunBridge Braswell Enterprises Inc. dba Sierra Vista

SunBridge Braswell Enterprises Inc. dba Sierra Vista is a locked facility providing 24 hour IMD/Special Treatment Program (STP) services for adults with chronic mental illness. This contractor provides a structured program for all patients with chronic mental illness at their facility, and provides a STP for residents who are deaf/hearing impaired. On average, BHS utilizes five beds per year at Sierra Vista.

e. Telecare Corporation dba Garfield Neurobehavioral Health Center

Garfield Neurobehavioral Health Center is a Skilled Nursing Facility providing medical, nursing and rehabilitative services to San Diego County clients with neurobehavioral illnesses. Garfield Neurobehavioral Health Center provides specialized mental health services utilizing their unique expertise, competencies, capabilities and resources. BHS utilizes one bed per year at this facility.

As stated above, the wait for Long Term Care placement continues to be a challenge and can be impacted by the severity of illness of client populations requiring this level of care. The continuation of these highly specialized critical care programs (without interruption in service provision) will help to relieve some of the LTC barriers to adequate discharge resources and

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offer an alternative to State Hospital and IMD placements.

This recommendation seeks Board approval for the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to continue the single source contracts for these five 24-hour residential mental health programs for clients with serious mental illness.

Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

Today's proposal actions support the Healthy Families and Safe Communities initiatives in the County of San Diego's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan, as well as the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision, by ensuring the vulnerable populations of persons with mental illness and substance abuse disorders continue to have access to a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)
N/A

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REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: ☐ Yes ☒ No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
☐ Yes ☒ No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

December 12, 2006 (7) and January 15, 2002 (3): Authorization for competitive solicitations and extensions of Mental Health Services contracts.

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

A-87 – Competitive Procurement

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement: Exemption to the Competitive Procurement requirement of Board Policy A-87 is requested for the continuation of five long term care programs providing 24 hour services for clients with serious mental illness.

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION
NUMBER(S):**

43206, 532799, 536297, 58493, 502498

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services Agency

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